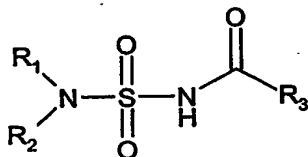


Patent claims

1. A compound of formula



5 wherein either

- R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are piperazinyl, wherein the second nitrogen atom is substituted by (C_{1-6}) alkoxycarbonyl or by (C_{6-18}) aryl, which (C_{6-18}) aryl is substituted by one or more halogen, (C_{1-6}) haloalkyl, e.g. CF_3 , aminocarbonyl,

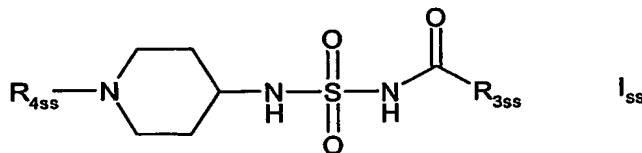
10 or

- R_1 is hydrogen and R_2 is piperidinyl, attached via a carbon atom of the piperidinyl ring, wherein the nitrogen atom is substituted by (C_{1-6}) alkoxycarbonyl or by (C_{6-18}) aryl, and

R_3 is (C_{6-18}) aryl or (C_{6-18}) aryl (C_{1-4}) alkyl, which aryl is substituted by one or more halogen, aminocarbonyl, or (C_{1-6}) haloalkyl.

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2. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



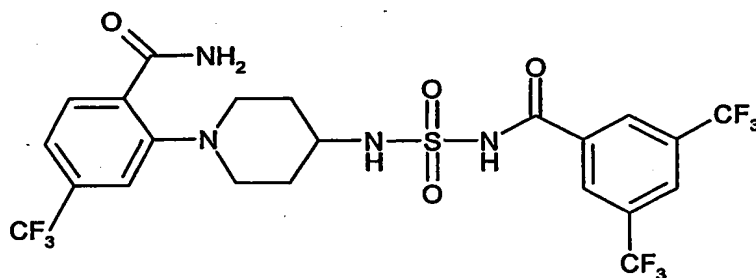
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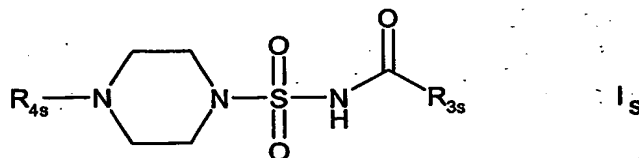
- a. R_{3ss} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4ss} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- b. R_{3ss} is 2,3-dichlorophenyl, R_{4ss} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- c. R_{3ss} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl R_{4ss} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, and
- d. R_{3ss} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4ss} is tert.butoxycarbonyl.

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3. A compound of any one of claims 1 or 2 which is a compound of formula



4. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



wherein

- 5 a. R_{3s} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4s} is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
 - b. R_{3s} is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
 - c. R_{3s} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
 - d. R_{3s} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4s} is benzyloxycarbonyl,
 - e. R_{3s} is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is benzyloxycarbonyl,
 - 10 f. R_{3s} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is benzyloxycarbonyl,
 - g. R_{3s} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is benzyloxycarbonyl,
 - h. R_{3s} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4s} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
 - i. R_{3s} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
 - 15 j. R_{3s} is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, and
 - k. R_{3s} is 2-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl and R_{4s} is tert.butoxycarbonyl.
5. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 4 in the form of a salt.
- 20 6. Use of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of disorders mediated by the action of steroid sulfatase.
7. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 for use as a pharmaceutical.

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8. A method of treatment of disorders mediated by the action of steroid sulfatase which treatment comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 5.

5 9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 in association with at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

10. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, further comprising another pharmaceutically active agent.

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